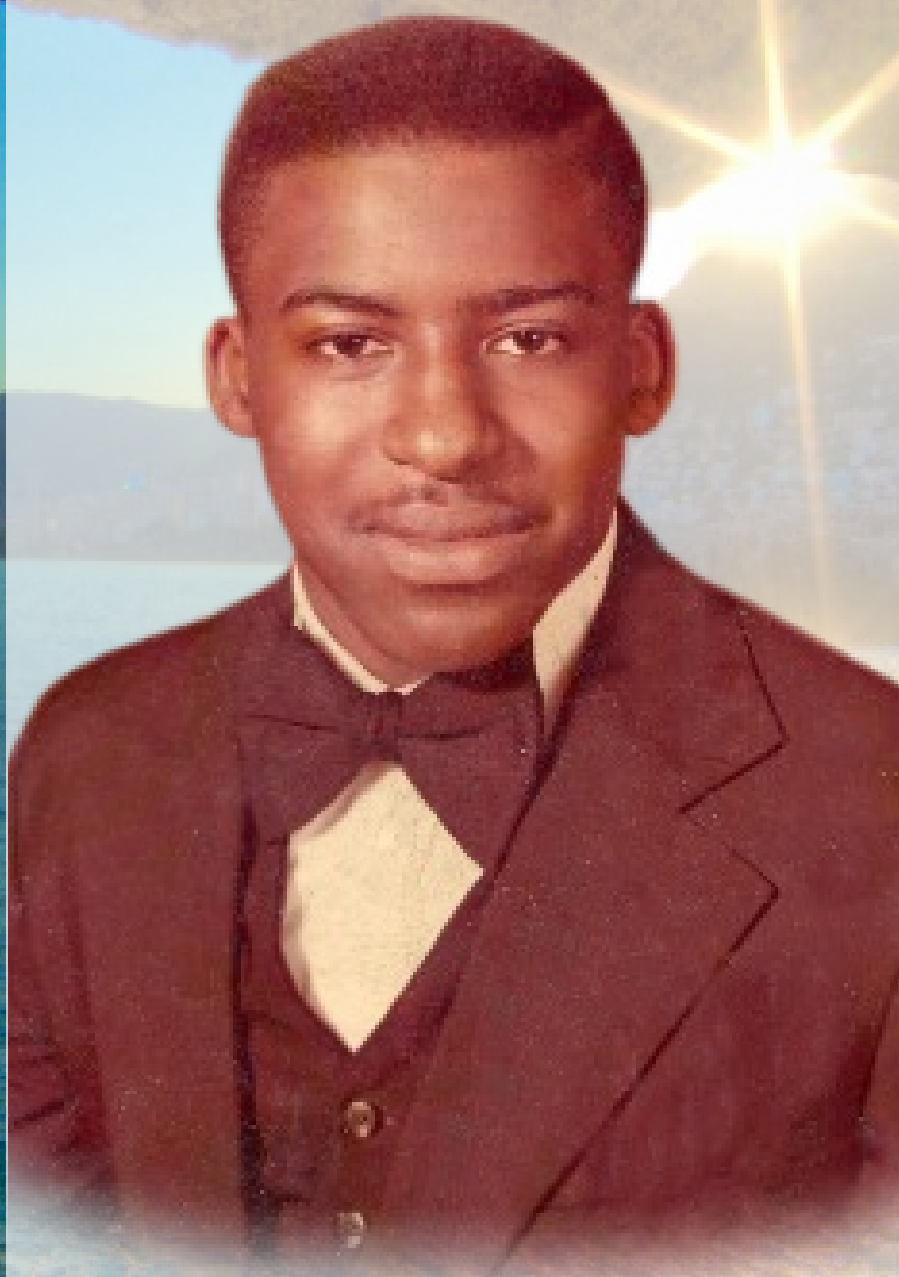


In Loving Memory of
Mark William Hagans, Sr.



Sunrise
June 18, 1958

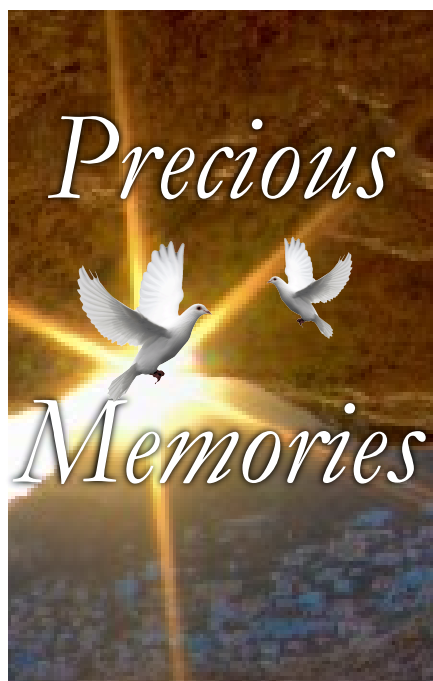
Sunset
April 21, 2015

Thursday, April 30, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthew AME Church

336 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor



Obituary

Mark Hagans was born in Plainfield, NJ on June 18, 1958. In a household of nine children, he was the eighth child, and third son, of Inez and Charles Thomas Hagans.

As a big brother, Mark would always look after his younger sister, Ladeen, and protect her as they were the only two younger siblings still residing at home with their parents. As a young child, Mark had several interests. He tried his hand at playing a guitar, mixed martial arts, and poetry. Mark would study something, and then he would try to master it and often did.

Mark graduated from West Side High School and attended Montclair State College as well as Princeton University's Upward Bound Program. He had various certificates of career accomplishments.

Mark was a good person and was always willing to help. Mark and his brother, Charles saved their nephew from a burning house by going around the back of the house to the second floor, breaking the window out, and going in a smoke filled room to rescue him from his crib even though the fire department was there.

He believed in fairness, and when he thought something was not fair, he would be the one to start the conversation and put the subject up for discussion, and would not waiver in his belief. Everyone knew Mark spoke his mind and his truth.

In the early 1980's he met and married Terry Connie Jenkins. They would join together in holy matrimony on October 29, 1982. From this union, they were blessed to have two beautiful children, Mark and Makeda.

Mark enjoyed being married to Terry and was so very proud of his children and granddaughter.

Mark loved his family and would do anything he could to help them. Family gatherings brought him so much joy,

especially, the 4th of July which was one of his favorite holidays.

Mark loved to joke around and hardly ever took himself seriously. He was very impressionable and charismatic.

Mark served in the Army from 1983 to 1989 as a Pvt., Company E, the 8th Battalion, receiving an honorable discharge in 1989.

Mark worked as a Corrections Officer until he became disabled due to his first heart surgery in 2003. Upon, becoming disabled and unable to work, Mark was able to spend more time with his family, pursuing his writing (mostly poetry), and was an active member of the Mason's (Pyramid 60 – Newark, NJ). Mark enjoyed having his family members attend his Lodge events, as he was really proud to be a part of it.

Mark joined Saint Matthew AME Baptist Church on November 24, 2013. He loved the Lord and received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

On the evening of April 21, 2015, Mark passed away at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, NY as a result of complications after surgery. Mark was 56 years old.

Mark leaves behind: his wife, Terry Connie Hagans; his son, Mark W. Hagans, Jr. and his daughter, Makeda Hagans; his granddaughter, Zamani Aliyah Hagans. Mark was preceded in death by his father, Charles Thomas Hagans, his mother, Inez Hagans, his oldest sister, Jocile Evans. He leaves behind seven brothers and sisters, Thomas L. Hagans, Bettie J. Hagans, Dorothy J. Carter, Yvona Hagans, Charles R. Hagans, H. Gwendolyn Baker and Gloria Ladeen Hagans; sister-in-law, Denise Cogdell-Hagans; his aunt, Linda Havard and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

Order of Service

Officiant - Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts

Organ Prelude Sir Joshua Nelson

Processional Clergy & Family

Hymn of Consolation ... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

 Old Testament - Psalm 23 Clergy

 New Testament - John 14:1-6 Clergy

Selection April Rix

Acknowledgements, Remarks
& Reflections (two minutes please)

Obituary

Selection Sir Joshua Nelson

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

World Of Dreams

Living in a world of dreams. Life is never what it seems.

Living in a world of dreams. Life is never what it seems.

Dreaming of a world with me. Dreaming of how it ought to be.

Seeing life live in reality. All the pain, hardship and suffering.

Wondering if this is how it is suppose to be or is there
something else for me?

Why just live in a world of dreams?

When there is so much for me to be.

Life is never what it seems.

Living in a world of dreams. Dream, dream, dream.

We live in a world of dreams hoping for that supreme dream.

Dream, dream.

Trade winds blowing, cotton candy clouds

floating softly blowing love clouds

Gently across the sky is this real or am I just dreaming? Crystal
skies and dragons

summers come walk with me, walk away with me, come walk
away with me into the night living life in a world of dreams
cause life is never what it seems.

By Mark Hagans

PS. Life is one long reach. The on-going search to
find oneself and relations.

So enjoy.

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Mark William Hagans, Sr.** wishes to thank all who
have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of
kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for
your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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